

IN THE CLAIMS:

- 1-2. (Canceled)
3. (Currently amended) ~~The method of claim 2~~ A method of providing content to a client, comprising:
retrieving the content, wherein retrieving the content includes performing a search of content providers;
performing an evaluation of the content for accessibility by a user; and
providing the content to the client if a result of the evaluation meets an accessibility requirement for the user, wherein the search of content providers is performed using a Web search engine.
4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 3, wherein performing an evaluation of the content for accessibility by a user includes determining an accessibility level of the content based on accessibility criteria.
5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the accessibility criteria are established based on standardized accessibility guidelines.
6. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 3, wherein performing an evaluation of the content for accessibility by a user includes using an evaluation tool to perform the evaluation.
7. (Original) The method of claim 6, wherein the evaluation tool is Bobby™.
8. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 3, further comprising providing an indication to the client that the content does not meet accessibility requirements if the result of the evaluation is that the content does not meet the accessibility requirement for the user.

9. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 3, wherein the accessibility requirement for the user is obtained from a user profile.
10. (Currently amended) ~~The method of claim 1~~ A method of providing content to a client, comprising:
retrieving the content;
performing an evaluation of the content for accessibility by a user; and
providing the content to the client if a result of the evaluation meets an accessibility requirement for the user, wherein the method is implemented on a proxy server.
11. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 3, wherein the method is implemented on the client.
12. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 3, wherein the content is at least one Web page.
13. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 3, further comprising modifying the content such that the content meets the accessibility requirement for the user.
14. (Currently amended) ~~The method of claim 13~~ A method of providing content to a user, comprising:
retrieving the content;
performing an evaluation of the content for accessibility by the user;
providing the content to the user if a result of the evaluation meets an accessibility requirement for the user; and
modifying the content such that the content meets the accessibility requirement for the user, wherein modifying the content includes changing values for tags in the content based on one of a rule set and an algorithm such that the content meets the accessibility requirement for the user.

15. (Currently amended) ~~The method of claim 13~~ A method of providing content to a user, comprising:

retrieving the content;

performing an evaluation of the content for accessibility by the user;

providing the content to the user if a result of the evaluation meets an accessibility requirement for the user; and

modifying the content such that the content meets the accessibility requirement for the user, wherein performing the evaluation of the content for accessibility by the user includes logging elements of the content that do not meet accessibility criteria, and wherein modifying the content includes modifying logged elements to meet the accessibility criteria and then re-evaluating the content to confirm the accessibility requirement for the user has been met by such content modification.

16-17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently amended) ~~The apparatus of claim 17~~ An apparatus of providing content to a client, comprising:

means for retrieving the content, wherein the means for retrieving the content includes means for performing a search of content providers;

means for performing an evaluation of the content for accessibility by a user; and

means for providing the content to the client if a result of the evaluation meets an accessibility requirement for the user, wherein the means for performing a search of content providers includes means for using a Web search engine.

19. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the means for performing an evaluation of the content for accessibility by a user includes means for determining an accessibility level of the content based on accessibility criteria.

20. (Original) The apparatus of claim 19, wherein the accessibility criteria are established based on standardized accessibility guidelines.

21. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim ~~16~~ 18, wherein the means for performing an evaluation of the content for accessibility by a user includes means for using an evaluation tool to perform the evaluation.
22. (Original) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the evaluation tool is Bobby™.
23. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim ~~16~~ 18, further comprising means for providing an indication to the client that the content does not meet accessibility requirements if the result of the evaluation is that the content does not meet the accessibility requirement for the user.
24. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim ~~16~~ 18, wherein the accessibility requirement for the user is obtained from a user profile.
25. (Currently amended) ~~The apparatus of claim 16~~ An apparatus of providing content to a client, comprising:
means for retrieving the content, wherein the means for retrieving the content includes means for performing a search of content providers;
means for performing an evaluation of the content for accessibility by a user; and
means for providing the content to the client if a result of the evaluation meets an accessibility requirement for the user, wherein the apparatus is associated with a proxy server.
26. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim ~~16~~ 18, wherein the apparatus is associated with the client.
27. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim ~~16~~ 18, wherein the content is at least one Web page.

28. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim ~~16~~ 18, further comprising means for modifying the content such that the content meets the accessibility requirement for the user.

29. (Currently amended) ~~The apparatus of claim 28~~ An apparatus of providing content to a user, comprising:

means for retrieving the content;

means for performing an evaluation of the content for accessibility by the user;

means for providing the content to the user if a result of the evaluation meets an accessibility requirement for the user; and

means for modifying the content such that the content meets the accessibility requirement for the user, wherein the means for modifying the content includes means for changing values for tags in the content based on one of a rule set and an algorithm such that the content meets the accessibility requirement for the user.

30. (Currently amended) ~~The apparatus of claim 28~~ An apparatus of providing content to a user, comprising:

means for retrieving the content;

means for performing an evaluation of the content for accessibility by the user;

means for providing the content to the user if a result of the evaluation meets an accessibility requirement for the user; and

means for modifying the content such that the content meets the accessibility requirement for the user, wherein the means for performing the evaluation of the content for accessibility by the user includes means for logging elements of the content that do not meet accessibility criteria, and wherein the means for modifying the content includes means for modifying logged elements to meet the accessibility criteria and then re-evaluating the content to confirm the accessibility requirement for the user has been met by such content modification.

31-32. (Canceled)

33. (Currently amended) ~~The computer program product of claim 32~~ A computer program product in a computer readable medium for providing content to a client, comprising:

first instructions for retrieving the content, wherein the first instructions include instructions for performing a search of content providers;

second instructions for performing an evaluation of the content for accessibility by a user; and

third instructions for providing the content to the client if a result of the evaluation meets an accessibility requirement for the user, wherein the instructions for performing the search of content providers include instructions for using a Web search engine.

34. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim 34 ~~33~~, wherein the second instructions include instructions for determining an accessibility level of the content based on accessibility criteria.

35. (Original) The computer program product of claim 34, wherein the accessibility criteria are established based on standardized accessibility guidelines.

36. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim 34 ~~33~~, wherein the second instructions include instructions for using an evaluation tool to perform the evaluation.

37. (Original) The computer program product of claim 36, wherein the evaluation tool is Bobby™.

38. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim 34 ~~33~~, further comprising fourth instructions for providing an indication to the client that the content does not meet accessibility requirements if a result of the second instructions is that the content does not meet the accessibility requirement for the user.

39. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim ~~34~~ 33, wherein the accessibility requirement for the user is obtained from a user profile.

40. (Currently amended) ~~The computer program product of claim 34~~ A computer program product in a computer readable medium for providing content to a client, comprising:

first instructions for retrieving the content;

second instructions for performing an evaluation of the content for accessibility by a user; and

third instructions for providing the content to the client if a result of the evaluation meets an accessibility requirement for the user, wherein the computer program product is executed on a proxy server.

41. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim ~~34~~ 33, wherein the computer program product is executed on the client.

42. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim ~~34~~ 33, wherein the content is at least one Web page.

43. (Currently amended) The computer program product of claim ~~34~~ 33, further comprising fourth instructions for modifying the content such that the content meets the accessibility requirement for the user.

44. (Currently amended) ~~The computer program product of claim 43~~ A computer program product in a computer readable medium for providing content to a user, comprising:

first instructions for retrieving the content;

second instructions for performing an evaluation of the content for accessibility by the user;

third instructions for providing the content to the user if a result of the evaluation meets an accessibility requirement for the user; and

fourth instructions for modifying the content such that the content meets the accessibility requirement for the user, wherein the fourth instructions include instructions for changing values for tags in the content based on one of a rule set and an algorithm such that the content meets the accessibility requirement for the user.

45. (Currently amended) A computer program product in a computer readable medium for providing content to a user, comprising:

first instructions for retrieving the content;

second instructions for performing an evaluation of the content for accessibility by the user;

third instructions for providing the content to the user if a result of the evaluation meets an accessibility requirement for the user; and

fourth instructions for modifying the content such that the content meets the accessibility requirement for the user, wherein the second instructions include instructions for logging elements of the content that do not meet accessibility criteria, and wherein the fourth instructions include instructions for modifying logged elements to ~~meet the accessibility criteria~~ and then re-evaluating the content to confirm the accessibility requirement for the user has been met by such content modification.

46. (Newly added) A proxy server, comprising:

means for receiving a search request from a user;

means for forwarding the search request to a search engine;

means for receiving search results of the search request from the search engine;

means for performing an evaluation of content pertaining to the search results for accessibility by the user;

means for providing the content to the user if a result of the evaluation meets an accessibility requirement for the user; and

means for modifying the content such that the content meets the accessibility requirement for the user.

47. (Newly added) The proxy server of Claim 46, wherein the means for modifying the content comprises means for changing values for tags in the content based on one of a rule set and an algorithm such that the content meets the accessibility requirement for the user.